

Mr. Tarr, of Caroline, moved an amendment placing Caroline county in the second instead of the first judicial circuit, which was agreed to.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, then offered a substitute for the whole section, reducing the number of circuits to seven, and specifying the same, which was rejected.

No further amendments being proposed, section 20 was read and passed over without amendment.

Section 21 was then read: It provides that in each circuit (except the 8th) there shall be a chief judge and two associates, &c.

Mr. Mackubin submitted the following amendment, which was agreed to:

“Strike out the words, the said judges shall hold a term of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits, at such time or times as now are or may hereafter be fixed by law, such terms not to be less than two in each year, and insert ‘the said judges shall hold not less than two terms of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits, at such times as are now or may hereafter be prescribed, to which jurors shall be summoned, and in those counties where only two such terms are held, two other and intermediate terms, to which jurors shall not be summoned; they may alter or fix the times for holding any or all terms until otherwise prescribed, and shall adopt rules to the end that all business not requiring the interposition of a jury, shall be as far as practicable, disposed of at said intermediate terms.’”

The Convention then, at 10.10 P. M., adjourned.

SIXTIETH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

The Declaration of Rights was taken up on its third reading, and a number of verbal amendments reported by the committee on revision and compilation were made.

Mr. Peters moved as a substitute for the second article that “the constitution of the State of Maryland shall be the supreme law of the State.”